

North American Unitarian Association and the International Alliance of Unitarians and Universalists.

North American Unitarian Association (NAUA) and the International Alliance of Unitarians and Universalists (IAUU), while being new organizations, trace their liberal religious traditions back to the Protestant Reformation (16<sup>th</sup> century), the Edict of Torda (1568) and the Enlightenment (17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> century) . While Unitarianism was originally primarily a Christian denomination, the Unitarian tradition has been enriched by philosophical movements including Transcendentalism, other world religions as well as by earth-centered religions and by Humanism.

NAUA is dedicated to supporting and promoting the practice of liberal religion by embracing freedom, reason and tolerance, rooted in a commitment to the inherent worth and dignity of every person and all peoples. NAUA consists of both individual- and organizational members. While the majority of NAUA's individual and organizational members are in the United States and Canada, membership is also open to all world-wide. NAUA seeks to meet the needs and support the efforts of its members. It is not a governing body.

NAUA is a founding member of the International Alliance of Unitarians and Universalists (IAUU). As NAUA desires to be an active and contributing member of a world-wide community of Unitarian and Universalist religious organizations, NAUA felt the need to re-establish such a network or organization. In addition to organizational membership, IAUU will seek to provide support for individual international members -In this way Unitarians and Universalists may be connected to their faith and religious community no matter where they may be in the world.